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CRICKET.

Last Saturday's match on the Club ground was evenly contested and was productive of some fine cricket. Pearce and Hancock again scored well and Hutchinson gave another fine exhibition of free hitting. The feature of the match was Capt. Garnet's success with the ball; taking six wickets for 37 in the first and six for 89 in the second inning. For the Club Pearce's average, eight for 40, was very good and shows a marked improvement on last year's form.

Good cricket was seen at Kowloon on the 24th inst. Lt. Green, playing for the Buffs against the Mahatras, scored 124 out of a total of 211 for nine wickets, the latter's score being 145 all out. Major Chitty and Sullivan batted well for the losing side. Green would be a useful player for a league team, and it is to be hoped we shall have another chance of seeing his prowess with the bat.

On Boxing day a match was played on the Kowloon ground between Kowloon and the Mahatras, the former team suffering a defeat possibly through the absence of their two bowlers, Martin and Dixon. Edwards put up a useful 83 for the losing side, and for the winners H. Babu Rane came close up with 61.

There will be a Cricket match between the Pearce Cricket Club and Lantau Recreation Club to-morrow (New Year) at 2 p.m. sharp, on the former Club's ground. The following will represent L.R.C.—A. Ribeiro, P. da Cordeiro, C. Lopes, A. A. Carvalho, R. A. Carvalho, R. C. da Silva, F. H. Hyndman, A. S. Bretto, J. F. Castro and J. A. Barradas.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

Two league matches are set down for Saturday—Telegraph v. R.E. and Kowloon v. Civil Service.

The league table remains unchanged the match between Telegraphs and R.E.A. which should have been played on Tuesday having been postponed till February.

Telegraphs, thanks to Pearce's improvement as a batter, are gradually creeping up the ladder and might yet have something to say about the disposal of the shield.

The "A" team are undoubtedly very strong and it is not outside the range of possibilities that the "B" team will find their "Waterloo" when they meet their Club rivals. Should the "B" team lose a match, it would leave the competition very open as regards at least four of the teams even but then the "B" team would have best chance—Hancock and Pearce and Capt. Baird being a fine combination, they are not only three of the best bats in the Colony, but three bowlers always to be reckoned with.

"A" team are a fine batting side but with the exception of Liepmann are weak in bowlers. Turner, Lanning, Haughton, Martin and Fowler are good enough with the willow for inter-club, not alone league cricket.

Civil Service have possibly the best and most varied bowlers in Bird, Wicket, Hutchinson, Reed and Brett, but none of their bats are what one would term safe in the same sense as those previously mentioned. On the other hand of course League cricket is unlike matches played to a finish, and should three bats out of the team make anything of a stand that is really all that is required—a point that has been demonstrated nearly every match this season.

Telegraphs are in much the same position as the Civil Service, strong in bowling and uncertain in batting, their change bowlers being not quite so strong as the latter Club's.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

R.G.A. 6: R.A.M. 0.

The chances of the R.A.M.C. against the Artillery in their league fixture yesterday afternoon were never rosy; but the fact that they could only turn out ten men lessened them considerably. From the commencement the R.A. were the only team in it, and but for the offside tactics of Matthews and Watts the score would certainly have been much larger than it was. Watts was early conspicuous, and the fact that during the game he scored 4 goals certainly reflects great credit on his abilities as a footballer; but at the same time I am afraid that his too robust charging, and liking for arguing the point with the referee will get him into serious trouble before long. A welcome change in the R.A. team was Waters at back, where he played his usual sterling game. For the losers Redfern and Barr were the best, but I am quite sure that a better defence would certainly make a great difference to this team, as at times the combination of the forwards showed that they knew the game all right if they could only get the chance to play it. After yesterday's exhibition I certainly look forward to Friday's match with the R. G. A. and R. E. in the hope that I will see an evenly contested and fast game, with plenty of work in store for Capt. Edwards (Buffs) who will have charge of the whistle.

The following is the R.E. team for Friday—McGregor, Coxon, Beadmore, Lamb, McCrory, Edwards, Jackson, Osmond, Le Grove, Morris, Taylor.

The R. E. team for Saturday is—Power, Coxon, Beadmore, Lamb, McCrory, Edwards, Jackson, Sturdy, Le Grove, Taylor, Drummond.

BUGGY FOOTBALL.

The undermentioned will represent the Hongkong Club in a Buggy match to-day, at the Happy Valley against Mr. Cobley's XV. Kick off 5 p.m. sharp.

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AN INTERESTING BOAT RACE.

To-morrow (New Year's Day) there will be a race between the boats of the Italian men-of-war *Vesuvius* and *Puglia*.

Some years ago the Italian residents of Shanghai presented a cup to be competed for by boats of the Italian men-of-war of the Chinese station, the cup to remain on the station, and the name of the winning ship to be inscribed on the cup. The total distance to be covered is 7,000 metres, nearly 4½ miles. To equalise any difference in the boats the event is run in two successive races of 3,500 metres (a little over two miles). At the end of the first race the crews change boats and row over the second course of 3,500 metres. The times are totalled and the smallest total wins. The boats will start from the *Puglia*, race to buoy and then the crews will change boats.

The Italian commanders and officers intended to send out invitations, but on account of the sad news from Sicily and Calabria whence many of the sailors hail, the race will be quite private.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

THE FATALITY AT SAMSHUI.

The body of Captain Mackintosh of the British American Tobacco Company's steamer *Branteco*, who was drowned about a week ago at Samshui, has been found. An inquiry has been held at the British Consulate and the verdict was—Accidental death through drowning.

MAIL BOAT PIRATED.

A slipper boat of the Imperial Chinese Post Office carrying mails regularly between Canton and Chan Cheun was pirated close by a military station on the morning of the 27th instant while on her way to Canton to deliver the inland mails for the Hongkong day steamer. Over twenty pirates took part in the piracy. They carried away all the mail bags. The mails were in charge of three Chinese officers of the Post Office. One of them swam ashore and reported the piracy to the military station; another who came to Canton, to report the affair to the Postal Commissioner was seriously wounded on the head. The third man is still missing. It is surmised that he was killed by the pirates and his body thrown into the river. So far no arrest has been made.

FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY FLOATED.

H. E. Chang Pui Sai, formerly Minister of Agriculture, Labour and Mines in the Kwangtung Province, has floated a Fire Insurance Company under the style of Kwangtung Fire Insurance Company Limited. The capital of the Company is \$500,000 divided into 50,000 shares of \$10 each.

VISIT OF AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR.

A prominent American professor arrived here yesterday. He carries with him letters of introduction to the high Chinese officials from H. E. Wu Ting Fang. He is visiting all the Government Colleges here. The Provincial Chancellor has notified the Directors of all the Colleges to give the professor a grand reception at their respective colleges.

THE RAILWAY TRAGEDY.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistrate's yesterday Lun Fung, a water carrier on the Kowloon-Canton Railway, was charged with robbing and murdering an Indian named Jawar Singh at Shatin.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida p. Castro, from the office of Messrs. Goldring, Bantow and Morrell, said he had just been instructed for the defence, and asked for a remand.

His Worship intimated that he would first hear the evidence of the medical officer attached to the railway.

Dr. J. W. Hartley deposed to being called to Shatin on the 19th instant. When he arrived the Indian was dead, and there were numerous wounds and bruises on his body. The abdomen was very much swollen, which suggested that deceased had received some heavy blows in that vicinity. Witness was of opinion that death was due to the injuries to the abdomen and the result of the shock. Deceased had for a long time been in a delicate state of health.

The case was adjourned until Wednesday, January 6th.

THE FORMOSAN ABORIGINES.

PROGRESS OF REPRESSIVE MEASURE.

A telegram from the Governor-General of Formosa dated the 17th instant, says—"Eight groups of aborigines belonging to the Kakio tribe, in the district under the jurisdiction of Gifu prefecture, have been blockaded for many years, and have at length had their supply of salt cut off. Pressed by the advance of the defence line of Tainan since April last, the difficulties of the tribe were aggravated and on several occasions they offered to surrender. But the authorities, doubting their sincerity apparently, have ordered them to surrender the human heads taken as trophies as a token of their willingness to surrender. On the 15th instant 600 of the aborigines, including 3,000 lb. of rice and millet and 30 fresh human heads. The chief of the tribe has been captured at Kwareko. The reinforcements of troops sent from Taipei arrived at Kwareko on the 17th and those sent from Tainan were expected to arrive on the 18th. It has been arranged to accomplish the suppression of the revolting tribe in one action upon the arrival of the whole of the troops sent.—*Japan Chronicle*.

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- 1—Cameron Highlanders arrive in Hongkong.
- 2—"At Home" on the Japanese cruiser *Nanika*. Pollard's Lilliputians at the City Hall.
- 3—Cameron Highlanders entertained.
- 4—Bishop Lander's New Year address at City Hall.
- 5—H. E. the Governor opened a new building at Wanchai for the Asile de la Sainte Enfance—Riots and strikes.
- 6—Cameron and Shipbuilders' Ball.
- 7—Governor of Macao visits Hongkong.
- 8—Messrs. Jardine Matheson's steamer *Yeh Sing* stranded off The Brothers.
- 9—Kowloon Cricket Club foundation stone laid by Mr. Mody.
- 10—End of Shipping war between the N.D.L. Orient Line and the N.Y.K. on the Bangkok run, the latter agreeing to withdraw entirely from the run on terms satisfactory to both parties.
- 11—Professor Fiano lectured on "Christian Science."
- 12—Annual meeting China Association. Luncheon of the Dock Company's towboat *David Gillies*.—Withdrawal of British gunboats from the West River patrol on settlement of claims against the Chinese Government for piratical attacks on British craft.

FEBRUARY.

- 1—Hongkong defeated Shanghai by 3 goals to nil in the inter-club football contest.
- 2—United Services also defeated the visitors, the final score being 1-0.—Kowloon Pigeon Show.
- 3—H. E. the Governor presents prizes at the Royal Sanitary Institute.
- 4—*Tatsu Maru No. 11* arrested by Chinese near Macao, for alleged smuggling of arms into Chinese territory.—Legislative Council pass a resolution of sympathy with the Portuguese nation on the assassination of the King and Crown Prince.
- 5—An explosion on the *S. Nerite* at Kowloon. Doomed resulting in the death of two Chinese.
- 6—Opening day of annual race meeting.
- 7—Mr. William Danby died at the Government Civil Hospital, the result of an accident.
- 8—Hongkong A.D.C. produce "The Liars"—Bachelors sports at Kowloon.
- 9—Annual Meeting Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.
- 10—Horticultural Society's Annual Show.

MARCH.

- 1—Important Legislative Council meeting at which the new Public Health Ordinance was introduced.
- 2—Mr. Mody presents \$35,000 for the erection of a building to be used as a mission to seamen.
- 3—Mr. Rennie on behalf of Mr. H. N. Mody communicated to the Government an offer of \$150,000 towards the cost of founding a university in Hongkong.
- 4—Dispute between China and Japan regarding the seizure of the *Tatsu Maru* settled, China agreeing to release the ship, salute the Japanese flag hoisted on the ship, pay compensation and punish the officials responsible for the seizure.
- 5—Mr. Murray Stewart elected to represent the Chamber of Commerce on the Legislative Council in the absence of the Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt.
- 6—Death of the Portuguese Consul-General Romano.
- 7—Chinese flag ship fired a salute of 21 guns to the *Tatsu Maru*, and the Japanese Consul hoisted the flag to the mainmast to indicate the vessel's release from capture.
- 8—Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lamont, C.B., arrived in Hongkong.
- 9—Admiral Moore left Hongkong for England.
- 10—Sir Robert Hart, Inspector-General of Customs, left Peking on twelve months' leave of absence.
- 11—Death in England of Mr. F. O. Sinton, British Vice-Consul at Macao from 1898 to 1906.
- 12—Chinese property owners present Mr. J. Orange with an address, on his leaving the colony.
- 13—Hongkong Regatta.
- 14—The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai re-appointed an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for a further term of six years.
- 15—Chinese at Canton resolved to boycott Japanese goods as a protest against what they regarded as the humiliating conditions of settlement in the *Tatsu Maru* affair.
- 16—Sir John Jordan, H.B.M.'s Minister at Peking, arrived in Hongkong.

APRIL.

- 1—Four suspects arrested in connection with a murder at Shatin.
- 2—Closing cruise of Corinthian Yacht Club.
- 3—Cameron Highlanders leave Hongkong.
- 4—Suicide of Mr. A. H. Rennie.
- 5—Junk Bay Flour Mill suspended operations.
- 6—Drawing of lots by proprietors of opium dens at Shanghai to determine which shops should be closed by July 1st. 359 establishments were drawn, being one-fourth of the whole.—Hongkong Football Club win the shield.
- 7—Hongkong Milling Co. goes into liquidation.—Luncheon Club annual athletic sports.
- 8—Signs of a serious rising noted in Annam.
- 9—Imperial Edict issued disarming Roman Catholic missionaries.
- 10—V.R.C. annual sports meeting.
- 11—Important debate on the Public Health and Building Ordinance in the Hongkong Legislative Council.

MAY.

- 1—Centenary celebrations at Italian Convent, Hongkong.—New Chinese Post Office opened at Sze-tow.—Hongkong Cricket Club defeated the R.E.C. in the annual tennis match by 60 games to 39.
- 2—Imperial Government telegraphed to Hongkong stating that steps must be taken to close the opium dens in Hongkong.
- 3—Lady Lugard left for England owing to indisposition.—Sir Henry Derkeley, K.C., is appointed a member of the Legislative Council during the absence of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock K.C.
- 4—Hongkong School's annual sports.
- 5—Unveiling of memorial in King's Park to the sailors of French destroyer *Fronda* who lost their lives during the typhoon of 18th September, 1906.
- 6—Senator Continho, having resigned the Governorship of Macao, left for Europe.
- 7—Strong protest made by the Hongkong Legislative Council against the Home Government's presumptuous orders to close the opium dens.

JUNE.

- 1—Retirement of Consul-General Mansfield of Canton.
- 2—Discussion on Public Health and Building Ordinance in Legislative Council.
- 3—Colonel Martin, P.M.O. of Hongkong, drowned accidentally in Lake Chuzenji, Japan.
- 4—Week of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s *Powoon* off Lantau Island.
- 5—Japanese unveiled a memorial to the Russian dead at Port Arthur.
- 6—Ratapany meeting at Amoy decided to close the opium dens within two months of the issue of a proclamation.

- 1—Important paper by Mr. C. Clementi on opium smoking in China and Hongkong published.
- 2—A. S. Loongyong collided with a junk, two of the junk's crew being drowned.
- 3—Great flood up the West River doing incalculable damage.
- 4—Commodore Stokes received intimation of his promotion to the rank of Rear-Admiral.
- 5—Important decision of Chief Justice in the Shatin murder trial.
- 6—Telegram received that H.M. the King had been pleased to confer on the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk the C.M.G. decoration and to appoint Mr. J. Dyer Ball a Companion of the Imperial Service Order.
- 7—A Marine Court of Inquiry reprimanded the Captain and Second Officer for the loss of the *s.s. Poonan*.

JULY.

- 1—Suicide of Captain Ross Cox of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.
- 2—Government donate a sum of \$30,000 towards the relief of the sufferers by the floods in South China.
- 3—American Independence Day celebrations in Hongkong.
- 4—Death of Mr. H. van Varchmin, German Consul for Fakhel and Helhow, at Peak Hospital.
- 5—Outbreak of cholera at Canton.
- 6—Bazaar organised by Chinese held in Hongkong in aid of the relief of sufferers by the great flood along the West River.
- 7—Formal opening of Kowloon Cricket Club Pavilion; Mr. Mody, the President, presented with a silver souvenir.
- 8—Death of Mr. Gray Blood.
- 9—Coxswain and crew of the steam launch *Kam Shun* presented with medals for saving life at the wreck of the *Powoon*.—A fire in Canton destroyed a large number of houses.
- 10—A telegram announced that the Privy Council had allowed the appeal in the famous trade-mark case, *Leuba Freres v. Ullmann & Co.*, with costs in Messrs. Ullmann and Co.'s favour.
- 11—Legislative Council decided to take over the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund.
- 12—Another disastrous typhoon overtakes the Colony, causing extensive damage to property and some loss of life.
- 13—The extensions at the Naval Yard Hongkong completed.
- 14—Mr. De Vaux Road.—Chief Justice robbed of a quantity of jewellery.

AUGUST.

- 1—Serious fire in the German Legation Quarter, Peking.
- 2—Chinese Bazaar at Canton opened in aid of the relief of sufferers by the floods.
- 3—The House of Lords granted special leave to appeal to the eight Chinese witnesses who were committed for perjury by His Honour the Chief Justice of Hongkong in the famous Wong Ka Chun case.—Government decide to proceed with the building of the typhoon shelter at Mongkok, defraying the cost by an increase in the light dues.
- 4—Hongkong defeat Shanghai in the inter-club polo match by 11 goals to 7: H. E. the Governor presented the winners with the Keswick Cup.
- 5—Inter-club polo teams entertain 1 by members of the Hongkong Club.
- 6—Senator Roca, Macao's new governor, arrived in Hongkong.
- 7—First propositions take place at the Police Court under the new Public Health and Buildings Ordinance.
- 8—British steamer *Dunearn* foundered in a typhoon off Goto Islands, with a loss of 50 lives.
- 9—Rev. Alfred Hiff died at Peak Hospital.—Following a letter published in the *Daily Press*, the Government take preliminary steps for the formation of an Emergency Volunteer Corps to save life during typhoons.

SEPTEMBER.

- 1—Corinthian Yacht Club defeat V.R.C. in the final for the Water Polo Shield by 1 goal to nil.
- 2—H. E. the Governor invests the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk with the order of C.M.G.
- 3—Diamond Jubilee celebrations at French Convent.
- 4—Mr. S. L. Tomlin, secretary to the China Fire Insurance Co., died in London.
- 5—Rivier cruiser *Kiang Ta*, built to the order of the Canton Government, launched at the Hongkong and Whampoa Docks.
- 6—Midsex Regiment polo team defeated the civilian team in the final for the West Kent Cup by six goals to nil. H. E. the Governor presented the Cup.
- 7—Governor unveils memorial window at St. John's Cathedral, erected to perpetuate the memory of Bishop Hoare.
- 8—Annual meeting of V.R.C.
- 9—Presentation of the Estimates at Legislative Council by H. E. the Governor.
- 10—Lord and Lady Northcote arrive in Hongkong.—Suicide of Mr. Reginald Harding.
- 11—Death of Mr. L. A. M. Johnston, Postmaster-General.

OCTOBER.

- 1—Annual meeting of Amateur Athletic Association.—P. H. Cornell killed at Messrs. Butterfield and Swire's new godowns, Kowloon.
- 2—Corner committed architect for trial in connection with the Yaumati Building collapse.
- 3—Inter-club shooting contest won by Singapore.
- 4—Volunteers go into camp at Stonecutters.—Messrs. A. R. Marty's steamer "Hailan" refitted from a sand bank at Hoihow.
- 5—H. E. the Governor gave a farewell dinner to Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Stokes. Thelma Wen called at Hongkong en route to Tibet.
- 6—Shanghai defeated Hongkong in the inter-club cricket match by two wickets.—M. Klobanowski, the new Governor of Indo-China, welcomed at Hanoi.
- 7—Volunteer Troop and Gymkhana Club Gymkhana at Causeway Bay.—Hongkong defeated Shanghai in the inter-club tennis tournament.
- 8—Arrival of Dr. Sven Hedin in Hongkong.—Farewell Tattoo of Middlesex Regiment on the H.K.C.C. ground.
- 9—Chinese authorities welcome the American Fleet at Amoy.
- 10—Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Stokes left for England by the P. and O. steamer *Assaye*.

NOVEMBER.

- 1—Riotous disturbances in Hongkong in connection with the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods. Military called out.
- 2—Peace Preservation Ordinance 1886 proclaimed in Hongkong, under which eight prominent Chinese were banished for promoting the boycott.
- 3—Annual licensing sessions.
- 4—News of the death of Mr. Archibald Little of Chungking published in a *Daily Press* telegram.
- 5—Sir Paul Chater entertained members of the Horticultural Society and others.
- 6—King's birthday review and ball at Government House.
- 7—Celebrations at Bangkok in connection with the completion of the 41st year of the reign of King Chulalongkorn.

- 13—Mr. H. O'Sha, editor of the *China Gazette* sentenced to two months' imprisonment at Shanghai for libelling Judge Wiley of the American Court.
- 14—Papal Jubilee celebrations in Hongkong.—The death of the Chinese Emperor Kwong Hsu. The infant son of Prince Chun proclaimed the successor of the Emperor Kwong Hsu.—National mourning for 100 days ordered.
- 15—The Empress Dowager of China died.—H. E. the Governor visited Macao, on the occasion of the King of Portugal's birthday anniversary celebrations.
- 16—Opening of new Y.M.C.A. branch at Wanchai.
- 17—Important Full Court judgments in the action Leung Lai Nam and others v. Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.
- 18—Arrival of The Buffs in Hongkong.
- 19—Revolutionary outbreak at Anking quelled.
- 20—Formation of Association Football League.
- 21—Annual cricket match between the Navy and Army ended in a draw.
- 22—Excitement at Canton over the death of a Chinese passenger who was alleged to have been kicked to death by a Portuguese ticket-collector. The allegation was entirely disproved at the inquiry in the British Consular Court, but the Chinese were dissatisfied with the verdict and asked for a trial by the Portuguese Consul-General.
- 23—St. Andrew's ball at City Hall.—Two armed robberies at the village of Chiuwan.

DECEMBER.

- 1—The American Fleet at Manila.
- 2—The A.D.C. produce "A Country Girl" at the City Hall.
- 3—Agreement between America and Japan announced guaranteeing the *status quo* in the Pacific.
- 4—Accession of the Chinese Emperor published in *Daily Press*.—Hongkong defeated Canton by an innings in an inter-club cricket match.
- 5—The death of Sir Ewen Cameron of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank announced.—Bandman Comedy Co. opened a season at the Theatre Royal.
- 6—Annual bazaar Asile de la Sainte Enfance.
- 7—Arrival of the All-American Baseballers.
- 8—Petition presented to the Legislative Council by Sir Henry Buxton, K.C. on behalf of over 7,000 Catholics, protesting against the proposed route of the new Peak tramway.
- 9—Resch All-American Baseballers played against a local team at Happy Valley.
- 10—Hongkong Club defeated the Club Germania in the annual bowling match by 1440 points.
- 11—Baptist Gymkhana at Causeway Bay.
- 12—Lady Lugard returned to the colony.
- 13—Chinese Authorities seize the British steamer *Tai On* on the West River.
- 14—Mr. Kato, G.C.M.G. Japanese Minister to London and Mrs. Kato entertained at Government House.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION FOR CHINA.

The Board of Education has discussed "the urgent necessity of introducing educational facilities for young children." The following propositions were brought forward—

- (1) A department for the education of children over four years of age shall first be established in Peking and in all large district towns at which all children over the above mentioned age must attend.
- (2) No difference shall be made between the sexes at this tender age. This is in accordance with the Japanese method.
- (3) When the children reach the age of seven they shall be transferred to small primary schools, and boys and girls shall then be separated.
- (4) The Government shall establish primary girls' schools.
- (5) Parents will be held to blame if their children do not attend these schools.
- (6) The Board of the Interior shall make the above clearly understood by the populace of the Capital.

PLAQUE IN BURMA.

The remarkable success which has attended the efforts of the Government of Burma in combating plague is shown in a highly interesting Report which has just been published. A combination of methods seems to have been the secret of this success. Earthly disinfection was found chiefly useful when cases were sporadic, as the people would not then consent to more drastic methods. In cases where this method failed, it was supplemented by evacuation of dwellings and by inoculation, when the people could be persuaded to accept the latter remedy. Rat destruction was also carried out on a large scale. A typical case was that of the village of Aigthayin, in the Mandalay District of Bhamo. Here the Report states, the villagers were accommodated in huts half a mile from their villages, the floors of which were earth oiled. They were kept out for thirty days, and then allowed to return, almost complete immunity being thus secured. In some places objection was taken to the use of earth oil on account of its small and inflammable properties; but these objections are being gradually overcome and the people persuaded to use this method. The disease is now dormant in Burma, but the local Government consider that it has been suppressed rather than extirpated, and are preparing to take further vigorous action, if necessary, during the coming winter. But poisoning is to be carried out in the larger towns, followed by earth-oiling and other methods of disinfection.

BRITISH NAVAL POLICY.

In connection with the recent declaration of a British Minister that Great Britain must maintain a fleet greater in strength than the aggregate of any two powers in the world, it is pointed out that Britain cannot build against America. On this subject a "California Journal" remarks:—Fortunately, the United States is not likely to enter upon any such race. It is necessary for us to build somewhat in the ratio of our responsibilities, and we require a fleet in the Pacific adequate to the protection of our interests there, and certainly as large as that required for the Atlantic and perhaps larger, but there is not the least likelihood of our engaging in any frantic naval race for absolute supremacy. We do not need to. It is probable that for some time to come and perhaps forever, with the assistance of its self-governing colonies, Great Britain can maintain a fleet in excess of that of any two European powers. The per capita wealth of Great Britain is yet in excess of that of the United States, but her aggregate national wealth is vastly inferior. Great Britain is already taxed almost to the limit of endurance, while the American people hardly feel their nation taxes. We have a reserve power of taxation hardly approached by all Europe, and when it comes to a naval race, it is the ability to pay that counts. None realize that better than responsible British statesmen, and whatever they may think proper to say for effect in Parliament, no political Ministry is likely to challenge the United States to a contest of expenditures.

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EUROPEAN DROWNED AT SINGAPORE.

Mr. James Alexander Moir, till recently engineer on Messrs. Wren Birnie & Company's steamer *Hong Wan*, met his death by drowning in the East Lagoon, Tanjong Pagar, last week. It was at first feared that he might have met with foul play, as there was a cut on the head which observed superficially seemed of a serious nature, but medical investigation has shown that the cause of death was drowning, the bruises and scratches on the body not being of a dangerous character. The deceased was staying at the Bonstead Institute pending his getting another berth, having temporarily filled a vacancy on the *Hong Wan*. I. and was to have joined the *Amthia*. He was last seen alive in Anson Road, at about 8 o'clock, on Tuesday night, when he appeared to be acting strangely. It is presumed that deceased was walking along the road to the East Wharf, which he had no right to do, as it is Dock property, and fell into the lagoon, striking his head on the rocks. Then he probably got engulfed in the mud, where he lost his trousers and being much weakened by rheumatism, from which he was a great sufferer, he was unable to scale the wall and get out. His body was stopped at 10.10 o'clock, on Tuesday night, presumably. There are not many people in the neighbourhood, at that hour and his cries for assistance might easily have escaped the ears of anyone, unless he had happened to have fallen in the part nearest the wharves. The police do not favour any theory of foul play. Mr. Moir was a native of Aberdeen, and about 36 years of age. So far as is known yet, he has no relative in Singapore.

FUNERAL DE LUXE.

PROCESSION IN SINGAPORE.

With all the show display that accords with Chinese custom, the removal of the body of the late Mr. Thong Chong Fie from his residence at Balestier Road to Tanjong Pagar Docks en route for interment in China, took place on Saturday. The high and influential position the deceased had held in social and commercial character of this was indicated by the gorgeousness of the funeral procession. There were banners and flags of every hue, and "music" was discoursed by a large number of gymbals, drums, and what not. The coffin was carried in a magnificent palanquin of many colours. Following behind was a band, distributed in rickshaws, playing a solemn dirge, and behind this came rickshaws, and carriages carrying the mourners, some hundreds in number. The procession, which was of great length, passed through Thomson-road, Java-road, Bukit Timah-road, Middle-road, Victoria-street, New Bridge-road, Cross-street, and Anson road to Tanjong Pagar. The body is to be buried in the Pak Yan district of the Kwong Tung Province. —*Free Press*.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 30th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has fallen rapidly in N.E. Japan owing to the depression which is now moving into the Pacific to the E. of Hokkaido. Pressure has increased over S. Japan and the Loochoos and fallen in central China. It is highest over the Yangtze valley. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and the N. part of the China Sea. Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day,

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Hongkong, 31st December, 1908. [1715]

IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE, No. 2 of 1892, and

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF LEWIS CHARLES MERRELL, CHEMIST, IRVING SEAWARD MERRELL, Mechanical Engineer, WILLIAM BUELL GEBBE, Gentleman of North Franklin Street, Corner of Plaza Street, Syracuse, County of Onondaga, State of New York, and THE MERRELL-BOULE COMPANY, of the City of Syracuse, State of New York, all in the United States of America, for LETTERS PATENT for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of an invention for separating the moisture from the constituent solids of liquids and semi-liquids and recovering such solids in the form of a substantially dry powder.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition, Declaration and Specification required by the above cited Ordinance have been duly filed in the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong and that it is the intention of the said LEWIS CHARLES MERRELL, IRVING SEAWARD MERRELL, WILLIAM BUELL GEBBE and the MERRELL-BOULE COMPANY to apply for Letters Patent for the exclusive use within the Colony of Hongkong of the said invention at a sitting of the Executive Council to be held at the Council Chamber at the Government Offices Victoria Hongkong on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1909 at 2.30 p.m.

Dated the 24th day of December, 1908.
DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE, 1898.

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A TRADE MARK.

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Dated the 30th day of December, 1908.
DEACON, LOOKER & DEACON,
Solicitors for the Applicants.

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IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

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Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [15]

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Hongkong, 18th December, 1908. [651]

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Hongkong, 20th February, 1908. [401]

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AACHEN AND MUNICH FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF AIX-LE-CHAPPELLE.

THE Underigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

WM. MEYERINK & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 5th September, 1908. [114]

NATIONAL GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD., OF LONDON.

THE Underigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

REUTER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1908. [1566]

THE GLOBUS INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Underigned, having been appointed AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

CARLOWITZ & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 13th August 1908. [28]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1907 £18,114,624.

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Subscribed Capital..... 2,750,000

Paid-up Capital..... 687,500 0 0

Fire Funds..... 3,065,574 15 7

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SHEDDEN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1908. [1019]

INTIMATIONS

NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

IN Accordance with Government Notification No. 222, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) and SATURDAY, the 1st and 2nd January, 1909. Hongkong, 29th December, 1908. [1703]

NOTICE.

WE the Underigned hereby beg to inform the Public that before any Agreement, Contract, Delivery Order, Receipt, or other Important Document in connection with our Business can be valid it must be Signed by Mr. Ho JUP and chopped with the chop of our Firm.

TONG SHING, Washermen, 453, West Point, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1708]

KOWLOON CROCKET CLUB.

TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), JAN. 1st, 1909.

UNDER the Distinguished Patronage of H.E. Sir F. J. D. LUGARD, K.C.M.G., G.B., D.S.O.

FOURTH ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SPORTS

KING'S PARK KOWLOON.

Children and Parents cordially invited.

Lady LUGARD has kindly consented to distribute the Prizes.

FIRST RACE 2.15 P.M.

Band of 105th Mahratta L.I.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1908. [1706]

ORIENTAL HOTEL.

THE Celebrated Band of S.M.S. "FUERST BISMARCK" has been specially engaged to play during and after dinner at the Oriental Hotel, 2, Queen's Road, Central, on New Year's Day, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY), JANUARY 1st, 1909.

DINNER MENU:

Celery, Green Olives, Radish.

ROSE D'EUROPE: Herring Salad.

SOUP: Oxtail.

FISH: Boiled Carp and Horseradish Sauce.

ENTREES: Lamb Chop Cutlets and Mint Sauce, Fillet of Beef and Butter Sauce, Jugged Australian Hare.

CURRY: Oyster.

JOINTS: Roast Suckling and Apple Sauce, Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce.

COLD MEATS: Shanghai Corned Beef, Sour Gherkin in Jelly.

SALAD: Asparagus.

VEGETABLES: Boiled Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Cauliflower, Green Peas.

ENTREES: Plain Frying and Brandy Sauce, Mince Pie.

CHRISTMAS CAKES: Strawberry Ice Cream and Finger Cakes.

DESSERT: Cheese and Crackers, Fruit, "Dessert Coffee."

PROGRAMME OF MUSIC.

March..... "In Tune"..... Taiko

Overture..... "Opera"..... Flute

Serenade..... "Mondschein"..... Violon

Thema..... "Operette"..... Strauss

Overture..... "Die Fuppe von Nürnberg"..... Adam

Schottische..... "Wagner"..... Holländer

Erinnerung..... "Wagner"..... Wagner

Waltz..... "Waltz"..... Strauss

March..... "Frühling Einzug"..... Straus

Der Post Kommt..... "Eisenberg"..... Eisenberg

Waltz..... "Die Dollarprinzessin"..... Straus

If this Man in the Moon..... "Holländer"..... Holländer

God Save the King..... "Holländer"..... Holländer

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1710]

FOR SALE.

WELL BRED POINTER, rising two, splendid nose, hard worker. Owner leaving for Europe shortly.

Apply to Care of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1908. [1709]

FOR SALE A Quantity of NETTING for TENNIS COURTS, etc., at less than half cost.

TABLE BILLIARD, SNE, SLATE BEDS, from \$40.00. May be seen by appointment.

Apply to CHIAI EXPRESS CO., 5, DUDDELL STREET.

Hongkong, 28th November, 1908. [1050]

COLD STORAGE.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LTD., have now 40,000 Cubic Feet of Cold Storage available at EAST POINT. Stores will be open at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, Sunday excepted, to receive and deliver perishable goods.

G. K. HAXTON, Manager.

Hongkong 1st April, 1909. [43]

TO LET.

ROOMS in HOTEL MANSIONS, suitable for Offices or Chambers.

Apply to HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexander Buildings.

Hongkong, 11th November, 1908. [1550]

TO LET.

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1908. [825]

TO LET.

GODOWN in Wanhsai 100 by 50, \$85 per month; also open air space adjoining 125 by 100.

Apply to Box 1012, Case of "Daily Press" Office.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1908. [1655]

TO LET.

OFFICES and ROOMS on the 1st and 2nd Floors of No. 14, Des Vaux Road Central (formerly occupied by Messrs. SHAW, TONG & CO.)

THE COMPAGNIE DEPARTEMENT, E. D. SASSOON & CO., Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1908. [947]

TO LET

ONE OFFICE ROOM, Third Floor, New Praya 2, Opposite Murray Pier.

Apply to SCHULDT & CO. 1013

Hongkong, 28th July, 1908.

TO LET.

FROM 1st MAY.

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Hongkong, 18th January, 1909.

TO LET.

No. 52, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to SAM WANG CO., LTD. 81, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 30th September, 1908. [90]

TO LET.

2, BEACONFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

A 6-ROOMED HOUSE Furnished or Unfurnished at the Peak.

No. 2 CAMERON VILLAS Furnished 61 Peak from end of March, 1909.

No. 55, ELGIN TERRACE, BEACONFIELD ARCADE, Fine Offices and Dwelling Room.

No. 15, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, First & Top Floors (over Caldwell MacGregor).

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BEILLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.

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Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexander Buildings.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1908. [89]

TO LET.

FROM 1st MARCH, 1909, a FURNISHED HOUSE at No. 1, Gough Hill, the Peak.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1908. [1401]

TO LET.

A BERTHOLWYN, PEAK ROAD, from 1st March next. Exceptionally furnished, Hot and Cold Water laid on. Tennis Court and Swimming Bath.

Apply to HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

Hongkong, 6th October, 1908. [1572]

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Hongkong, 23rd November,

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Mr. AH YAU, Hongkong Ferry Wharf Stalls.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(FROM CEYLON PAPERS.)

WHOLESALE POLICE RAIDS IN CALCUTTA.

Calcutta, December 12th.

The Calcutta police raided four houses in a search for arms and seditious literature.

At a students' mess photographs of the Indian leaders and a lecture on "Geta," by Raja Rajpat Rai were taken away, and from the Bank press a thousand letters were removed.

The Sandhya newspaper office was raided by a strong body of police, who stopped the paper being printed and seized copies of it, as well as the printing press and types, leaving a number of European police in charge. A few copies of the paper got into the streets, and sold at eight times the usual price.

A warrant has been issued against the publisher of an alleged seditious pamphlet entitled "Pantha."

Two Bengalis, lately associated with the Bande Mataram paper, have been arrested, also Babu Krishna Kumar Mitra, editor of Sandhya, who is the uncle of Arambh Ghose, the chief accused at Alipore. Mitra was formerly a Professor of the City College, but was forced to resign by the University Syndicate on account of his agitation and boycott tactics.

A number of searches at the houses of pleaders and seminarists at Dacca, have taken place.

Ten searches were made at Comilla and others at Serajganj and Barisal in East Bengal. Among the seizures were a number of Swadeshi songs.

The police activity here and in East Bengal is causing a sensation.

AUSTRALIA AND CHINESE STOWAWAYS.

London, December 11th.

A telegram from Melbourne states that the House of Representatives has passed a Bill rendering shipowners liable to a fine of £100 for every Chinese stowaway.

GERMANY AND TROOPS IN CHINA.

London, December 11th.

The Foreign Minister, speaking in the Reichstag last night, said it was deemed expedient to refrain from the immediate withdrawal of troops from China, as it might have a disquieting effect on the population at the present juncture. Government, he said, was still determined considerably to decrease the force, as soon as possible.

SIR PAOLO TOSTI, K.C.V.O.

London, December 11th.

Signor Tosti, the famous song-writer, has been created Knight Commander of the Victorian Order.

THE DISGRACED GENERAL.

London, December 11th.

Major-General Guyon has been removed from the Army.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

London, December 13th.

Twenty-seven tons of dynamite exploded prematurely at Basle, on the Panama Canal, killing ten persons and injuring fifty.

Prior to his inauguration as President, Mr. Taft will make a visit to Panama, it is reported, in connection with a disquieting report regarding the prospects of the Canal works.

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT.

London, December 14th.

The engagement is announced of the Earl of Granard to Miss Beatrice Ordyn Mills, daughter of the American millionaire banker.

THE TURKISH NAVY.

London, December 14th.

Great Britain has agreed to lend Turkey Rear-Admiral Gamble to reorganize her Navy.

ANOTHER BILL SACRIFICED.

London, December 15th.

The Hops Bill has been dropped, owing to the opposition of the extreme Right Traders.

THE NAVIGATION OF THE AIR.

London, December 15th.

The French Government is summoning an International Conference to consider a code of laws for regulating aerial navigation.

INDIA AND FACTORY LEGISLATION.

London, December 15th.

Mr. Buchanan, in reply to Mr. Shackleton, said: "The Government of India is awaiting the opinions of the local Governments before deciding the action it will take on the recommendations of the Factory Committee."

The recommendations of the Factory Committee will be considered in connection therewith.

FIFTY SOLDIERS HOLD UP A TRAIN.

London, December 16th.

Fifty men of the Foreign Legion, recruits of German nationality, held up and turned back a train containing General Vigor in Southern Algeria. No violence was attempted. The men fled towards Morocco, but forty-nine have since been captured.

SWIFT MOBILISATION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

London, December 17th.

Mr. Haldane, speaking at Carlton Hall, last night, said that he had ascertained that there were enough horses in the country to ensure swift mobilisation. The County Associations had been asked to keep classified lists.

ANOTHER BRITISH APPOINTMENT IN TURKEY.

London, December 17th.

Mr. Crawford, the British Commissioner of Customs, had been appointed to reorganize the Turkish Customs.

THE HEAD OF THE SALVATION ARMY.

London, December 17th.

General Booth has been successfully operated on for cancer.

TORPEDO-BOAT SUNK.

London, December 17th.

Torpedo-boat No. 59 was manœuvring off the Isle of Wight last night when she stranded and sank. The crew were rescued.

THE GREAT MORSE MELODRAMA.

STORY OF MILLIONS MANIPULATED.

In many respects this strange tale reads like a few chapters out of a romantic novel or the plot of a melodrama. Here are the characters:—

Charles W. Morse, a young widower from Maine, with two sons afterwards known as the "Ice King."

"Uncle Jim" Morse, uncle of C. W. Morse, a wealthy retired shipowner of Boston.

"Abe" Hummel, an unscrupulous lawyer.

Charles A. Dodge, a hotel man, always hard up.

William Travers Jerome, district attorney of New York county.

Sweetzer, a lawyer.

Edward M. Brocken, a private detective.

Mrs. Katherine Gelsheon, a wealthy widow of a bank president.

Mrs. Clemence Cowles Dodge, a beautiful grass widow, proprietress of a fashionable boarding house.

Lawyers, judges, detectives, Texas rangers, jurors, court attendances, etc.

Act I. opens with the arrival in New York city, in the early nineties of Charles W. Morse of Maine and his two young sons. Morse has come to the city to make his fortune. With considerable capital already amassed in the ice business in his native State and credit at his bank, he sets out to corner the New York ice business. Seeking for a home for himself and his boys, he finds the boarding house of Mrs. Dodge, who has been divorced, as she supposes, from her husband, Dodge, whose present whereabouts she has no idea. Morse takes up his domicile at the boarding house, and attracts interest in the two boys, and attracts Morse to each an extent that, in time, he marries her.

In Act II. of this true melodrama of human hearts matters become more complicated. Morse is getting rich quick. His new wife is rolling in luxury and his two boys are being prepared for college. His acquaintance in the financial district becomes widened, as he places one powerful man after another under obligations to him by the simple process of allowing them to run the Addicks's laundry of the American Ice company and take down a million like command of money are in circulation. Among those who hear them Mrs. Katherine Gelsheon, a beautiful widow. She has a large fortune, left by her late husband. She makes the acquaintance of Morse, and through his manipulations, her fortune is doubled. Suddenly, and without warning Charles A. Dodge, the former husband of Mrs. Morse, appears on the scene, and through his lawyer, Abe Hummel, declares that Mrs. Dodge was never legally divorced from him, as he was served with her complaint and consequently was unable to put in a defence. Sweetzer, who was Dodge's lawyer, is unable to find proof to satisfy the court that he ever did serve Dodge, and the Supreme court sets aside the Morse-Dodge marriage and declares Mrs. Morse, the legal wife of Dodge. Mrs. Dodge goes to Europe, Morse hires a housekeeper and makes frequent calls on Mrs. Gelsheon and Dodge again disappears.

Act III. brings in new characters and reveals part of the villainy which the plot of tangled lives. Another lawyer calls on Sweetzer and says that among the letters and papers left by his partner, now dead, he has found one from Dodge, acknowledging service of the papers in the original divorce suit and asking the dead lawyer to defend the case for him. Sweetzer takes this letter to the district attorney, and lays it before the court as the basis of a motion to set aside the annulment of the Morse-Dodge marriage. Search is begun for Dodge. Detectives trace him to Atlanta, Ga., where he was employed in a hotel. He has been secretly indicted on a charge of perjury, and makes a quick jump to Texas. Funds are being supplied to him from some secret source, as he appears to have money enough to travel in the best of style. The detectives lose his trail several times, and the chase goes on for months. Finally he is located in Houston, Tex., with Abe Kaffenberg, a partner of Lawyer Hummel. In the effort to extradite him to New York on the one hand, and to get him over the Mexican border on the other, the parties to the chase nearly come to open warfare in which Texas rangers are placed on guard to prevent Dodge's escape, which he nevertheless nearly effects. Finally the United States authorities take a hand and he is brought back to New York.

Act IV. sees the straightening out of the legal tangle. Dodge makes a full confession to the district attorney. He says he was legally divorced by Mrs. Dodge and was served with the complaint in the case, but that his testimony to the contrary was given for money paid him by Hummel's firm. Hummel indicted the charge of abduction of perjury and tried to get the trial "Uncle Jim" Morse, who appears as a factor in the highest movement of the drama. "Uncle Jim" testifies that he, representing members of Morse's family, who objected to the ice king's marriage to Mrs. Dodge, came to investigate. He called on Hummel, to whom he had been recommended as a shrewd criminal lawyer, and asked him to investigate the marriage and see if there was any way in which it could be proved illegal. "Uncle Jim" testifies that he never thought of inciting the jury, and believed Hummel was telling the truth when he asked Dodge to divorce his wife. He testifies that he paid nearly \$100,000 for his part in the case, merely because of his interest in getting his nephew, freed from Mrs. Dodge. Edward M. Brocken tells of secret work done for Hummel in the case. Dodge repeats on the stand his story already told to Jerome. Hummel is convicted. Dodge goes free in payment for his testimony. Hummel fights his appeal to the highest court and loses. All along the line, and goes to the penitentiary on Blackwell's Island, where he serves a year and immediately on his release sails for Paris, where he now lives in luxury. Meantime, the annulment of the Morse-Dodge marriage has been set aside and Morse and his former wife are re-united, living together in their Fifth Avenue mansion until the ice king is convicted of crimes against the Government for his part in wrecking the National Bank of North America. Mrs. Morse, whose stepsons call her "mother," and who stands by her husband throughout his troubles, is believed to have more than \$500,000 worth of her husband's gift given her for the time being.

Now the curtain on Act V. the action of which has only just begun. With Morse in the Tombs prison awaiting the outcome of his appeal from his 15-year sentence, Edward M. Brocken comes to the front with a sub-plot against the ice king for \$500,000, which he alleges is due him for services rendered in the effort to set aside the Morse-Dodge marriage. He bases his claim upon the fact that the legislation that was passed "Uncle Jim" and the Morse family who financed the effort to free the ice king from his matrimonial chains but the financier himself, who desired to be free to marry another woman whose name is not given in the papers in the suit. According to Brocken "Uncle Jim" came to the front to cover his nephew's tracks, and it was Charles W. Morse himself who paid Hummel not

\$100,000, but nearly \$2,700,000, which includes a substantial fund on which Hummel is now living in Paris, colour is given to his statements by the recollection of the surprising ignorance of "Uncle Jim" as to the details of his alleged connivances with Hummel and the legal steps taken at his direction. The development of this last act in the Morse-Dodge melodrama is being watched with the keenest interest, as the startling climax to one of the most remarkable human documents that has become public in recent years.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

DEATH OF MR. H. C. NICOLLE.

The Hon. Mr. Nicolle, who was formerly auditor in the Government service at Hongkong and was some years ago transferred to Ceylon as colonial treasurer, died at Colombo on the 11th inst. He had been attacked by enteric fever to which he succumbed after a month's illness. A large number of mourners followed the remains to the place of interment.

The late Mr. Nicolle was born on September 15, 1855. He was, therefore, just a little over 53 years of age. He was Assistant Auditor, Ceylon, from February, 1880, and Auditor-General in 1883. He was British Delegate of Bucau, in addition to his other duties, from June, 1886 and was appointed Local Auditor, Hongkong, in January, 1890. Early in 1904 during the administration of Sir Henry Blake, Mr. Nicolle's services were loaned to the Ceylon Government for three months to perfect a new system of accounts, by which the Auditor-General's Department was to be relieved of the work of keeping accounts by the Treasurer. Towards the end of May, the Hon. Mr. H. H. Cameron retired from the Treasury and left for England. Mr. Nicolle was appointed Treasurer and Commissioner of Stamps and Chief Commissioner of the Loan Board. In the interval Mr. Nicolle had returned for a term to Hongkong. His appointment to the Treasury of Ceylon came as a disappointment to the Civil Service, one of whose prizes it had been; but the Service was compensated by the Auditor-Generalship being made a staff appointment. Mr. Nicolle soon began to lay the foundation of a new and simpler system of accounts in the Treasury, and within a short time of his arrival Sir Henry Blake was able to lay before the Legislative Council a clear and comprehensive statement of the Colony's finances.

With the advent of Sir Henry MacCallum there was another re-adjustment of the accounts in order that His Excellency's new scheme of public works might be presented to the Secretary of State for sanction with all the confidence that a thorough knowledge of the Colony's finances inspired. In Mr. Nicolle, Sir Henry MacCallum found an able adviser and a willing and hard-working co-adjutor. He attended his last meeting of the Legislative Council on October 29th. A commanding figure, of personal cheerfulness and always the picture of good health, no one who knew him or used to see him or meet him in the course of business expected to hear of his death so soon. A good man gone, will be the universal verdict, and a public service the poorer for the loss of his brilliant talents.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"ASSAYE."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their goods are being landed and placed at THEIR RISK in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., ex s.s. "Victoria."

From Australia ex s.s. "Moldavia."

From Persian Gulf ex B. I. S. N. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 31st inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1908. [1]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"CATHERINE APCAR."

Having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 P.M. of the 31st inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their goods from alongside, such cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

DAVID SASSON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1908. [1711]

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENVOORLICH."

FROM MIDDLESBROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st Jan., will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 7th Jan., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 31st inst., at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1908. [1701]

THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED, AND THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. Co., Ltd.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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HOLT'S WHARF.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1908. [1664]

ON SALE.

THE FIFTY YEARS

ANGLO-CHINESE CALENDAR

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FROM 1ST JANUARY, 1864, TO 31ST DECEMBER 1913, BEING FROM THE 1ST YEAR OF THE 70TH CYCLE TO THE 50TH YEAR OF THE 70TH CYCLE THAT IS THE 3RD YEAR OF TUNG CHI TO THE 39TH YEAR OF KWONG RUI.

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ARRIVALS.
ANAX, British str., 4,447, B. Husband, 30th Dec.—Liverpool, 21st November, General—Butterfield & Swire.
ANTILLOCHUS, British str., 5,796, G. D. Keay, 30th Dec.—Tacoma 2nd Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.
CHERRING, British str., 1,199, F. Mooney, 30th Dec.—Chingwangtso 23rd, and Chetoo 25th Dec., Coal and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
FLORA, British cruiser, 4,360, R. Nugent, 30th Dec.—Shanghai 27th December.
HACHING, British str., 1,264, W. C. Passmore, 30th Dec.—Fochow, Amoy and Swatow 29th Dec., General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.
HANOT, French str., 742, J. Fannier, 30th Dec.—Haiphong and Hanoi 29th December, General—A. E. Marry.
JOSHIN MARU, Japanese str., 702, Y. Kaburagi, 30th Dec.—Tamsui via Amoy and Swatow 29th Dec., General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
MAUSANG, British str., 1,644, G. S. Wergall, 30th Dec.—Sundakan 24th Dec., Timber and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.
P. E. FRIEDRICH, German str., 5,011, E. Malchow, 30th Dec.—Bremen 18th Nov., Mail and General—Melchers & Co.
RAJAH, German str., 1,175, H. Peterson, 30th Dec.—Batavia 21st December, Rice—Butterfield & Swire.
SURUGA, British str., 2,727, Chubb, 30th Dec.—New York 1st Nov., General—Doddwell & Co.
TAIWAN, British str., 1,642, E. C. Everett, 30th Dec.—Chetoo 24th December, General—Chinese.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
 30th December.
Ajar, British str., for Shanghai.
Foohing, British str., for Shanghai.
Haching, British str., for Swatow.
Haidis, Norwegian str., for Wulu.
P. E. Friedrich, German str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

30th December.
BORNEO, German str., for Sandakan.
BURLOW, German str., for Europe, &c.
CYCLOPS, British str., for Kobe.
HANGCHOW, British str., for Canton.
HANGSANG, British str., for Swatow.
ILIRANO MARU, Jap. str., for Singapore.
HUPPE, British str., for Haiphong.
KWANGLEE, Chinese str., for Shanghai.
SIKH, British str., for Singapore.
WAISHING, British str., for Canton.
YUNNAN, British str., for Moji.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. **Haching** reports: Light monsoon weather with clear sky and smooth sea.
 The British str. **Chipping** reports: Fresh to moderate monsoon and sea, fine clear weather throughout.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 30th.
ABERDEEN DOCK—**Haimun**.
KOWLOON DOCK—**H.M.S. Virago**, **Triumph**, **H.M.S. Fame**, **H.M.S. Janus**, **Taranga**, **Michael**, **John**, **Mandala**.
CEMOTOPOLITAN DOCK—**Fri**.

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THE Steamship

"**INDRAWADI**,"
 Captain Williams, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 5th January, 1909.
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 Hongkong, 14th December, 1908. [1658]

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.
 (Calling at Port Darwin and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.)

THE Steamship

"**EMPIRE**,"
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 The Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.
 A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.
 N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.
 For Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents
 Hongkong, 29th December, 1908. [1681]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

(WITH LIBERTY TO CALL AT MALABAR COAST.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

FOR BOSTON AND NEW YORK.
S.S. "MUNCASTER CASTLE"
 On 19th Jan., 09
 For Freight and further information, apply to
DODWELL & Co., Ltd., Agents
 Hongkong, 25th December, 1908. [1298]

"**SHIRE**" LINE OF STEAMERS LIMITED.
 FOR LONDON, ANTWERP AND HAMBURG.

THE Steamship
 "**CARNARVONSHIRE**,"
 will be despatched for the above Ports about end of January, 1909.
 For Freight and Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents
 Hongkong, 25th December, 1908.

VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessels, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "1," nearest Hongkong "2," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "3," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "4," together with the number denoting the section.

SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3 From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP	GLENNHORN	Brit. str.	—	Hangton	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 11th Jan.
LONDON & ANTWERP	ASSAYE	Brit. str.	—	C. L. Daniel	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 9th Jan., at Noon.
ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	CARNARVONSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	—	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	End of January.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	DEN OF OGH	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 5th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BARCELONA	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 11th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	C. F. B. LAMIE	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 25th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SLAVONIA	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 28th Jan.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—	—	HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE	On 22nd Febr.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 27th Febr.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	ERNEST SIMONS	Fr. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	Beginning of January.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	MACDONIA	Brit. str.	—	—	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 5th Jan., at 1 p.m.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	FAO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th March.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th Jan., at D'light
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan., at D'light
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	About 27th Jan.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 10th March.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 20th Jan.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	ERNEST SIMONS	Fr. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 19th Jan.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	MACDONIA	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 16th Jan., at 7 a.m.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	FAO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 2nd March, at Noon.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 14th Jan.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	PRINCESS ALICE	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 31st Jan., at 4 p.m.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	SIAM	Dan. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	To-day, at 5 p.m.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	ERNEST SIMONS	Fr. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 6th Jan., at Noon.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	MACDONIA	Brit. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 22nd Jan., at Noon.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	FAO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 19th Febr., at Noon.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 4th Jan.
MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 13th Jan., at D'light
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MADEIRA, HAVRE & COPENHAGEN	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—	—	MELCHERS & Co.	On 24th Jan., at Noon.
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POST OFFICE NOTICE

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.
 Tomorrow (New Year's Day) the office will be open from 7 a.m. to 12 noon for despatching the American mail.
 On Saturday the 2nd January the office will be open from 7 a.m. to noon for despatching the American mail.
 There will be no delivery of letters and one collection as on Sundays.
 The money order office will be entirely closed.
 Approximate times of closing mails at Shanghai via Dally and Siberia.
 8th January ... at 10:00 a.m.
 14th January ... at 8:30 p.m.
 22nd January ... at 9:00 a.m.
 Postal Guides for 1909 are now ready. Price 5 cents each.
 The Sydney, with the French mail of the 4th December, left Singapore on Monday, the 28th inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 4th January, at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 31st October.

FOR	PER	DATE
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA Will take letters to EUROPE marked via SIBERIA	P. E. Friedrich	Thursday, 31st, 11:00 A.M.
Haiphong	Chien	Thursday, 31st, 11:00 A.M.
Macao	Sui Tai	Thursday, 31st, 1:15 P.M.
Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, Soerabaya and M. ...	Tipanas	Thursday, 31st, 3:00 P.M.
Poochow and Shanghai	Pooting	Thursday, 31st, 3:00 P.M.
Manila	Loongang	Thursday, 31st, 3:00 P.M.
Manila, Yap, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Simpsonhafen, Herberstahof, Matupi, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Prins Waldemar	Thursday, 31st, 4:00 P.M.
Saigon, Amoy and Poochow	Phewm Penk	Friday, 1st, 9:00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Poochow	Batching	Friday, 1st, 9:00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hares	Friday, 1st, 9:00 P.M.
Samarang and Soerabaya	Huichow	Saturday, 2nd, 9:00 A.M.
Manila	Zafiro	Saturday, 2nd, 9:00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Will take letters to EUROPE marked via SIBERIA.) (Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail. Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Asia	Monday, 5th, 10:00 A.M.
Singapore	Indrawadi	Tuesday, 6th, 10:00 A.M.
Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Seattle	Shinano Maru	Tuesday, 6th, 10:00 A.M.
EUROPE, &c., INDIA VIA TATTOORIE (Late Letters 11:00 A.M. to Noon Extra Postage 10 cents.) (Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Ernest Simons	Tuesday, 6th, 11:00 A.M.
Manila	Taming	Tuesday, 6th, 2:00 P.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Is., Cockburn, Cairns, Newcastle, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Mel- bourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Empire	Wednesday, 6th, 11:00 A.M.
Manila	Yuenang	Friday, 8th, 3:00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama & Seattle	Minnesota	Saturday, 9th, 10:00 A.M.
Manila	Rubi	Saturday, 9th, 10:00 A.M.
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Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobe and Moji	Footkong	Monday, 11th, 11:00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Will take letters to EUROPE marked via SIBERIA.)	Tean	Tuesday, 12th, 2:00 P.M.
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cockburn, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Empress of Japan	Friday, 15th, 6:00 P.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU and SAN FRANCISCO (Will take letters to EUROPE marked via SIBERIA.)	Changeha	Sunday, 31st, 3:00 P.M.
Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cockburn, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Empress of China	Friday, 12th, 6:00 P.M.

Mails for CANTON, WUCHOW and SAMSHUI will be closed on week-days at 7:00 a.m. and at 6 p.m. until further notice.
 A Mail for MACAO is despatched per s.s. Sui An on week-days 7:15 a.m. on Sundays the mail for MACAO is closed at 6 a.m.
 Mails for NANTAO and SHANGHAI are closed every week-day at 6 p.m.
 Mails for KOWLOON and KOWLOON are closed every week-days at 6 p.m. O.
 A mail for LONG ISLAND (Cheung Chou) will be despatched per steam launch Hot Yuen daily at 2:30 p.m.
 N. mails are despatched to these places on Saturday evenings, unless previously notified.
 MONEY LETTERS.—The Post Office possibility facilitates the unregistered letters containing bank notes or jewelry, and where Registration has been neglected WILL MAKE NO REQUESTS INTO ALLEGED LOSS OF SUCH. (Postal Guide 121).
 Local Deliveries.—Separate boxes have been provided for posting Correspondence for the Town, Kowloon, and the Peak. The boxes are under the Window at the East end of the Verandah in Queen's Road.
 REGISTRATION.—Correspondence can be registered for mails to Europe, Canada, and America up to one hour before the time of closing. With a late fee of 10 cents, registered articles for despatch by these packets will be accepted up to a quarter of an hour before the time of closing the ordinary mail. Registered mails to Shanghai, Japan, India, Manila and Australia by other than express packets close half an hour before the ordinary mails and to the coast ports quarter of an hour before the ordinary mails.

COMMERCIAL

EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATION.
 December 30th.

On Demand	177 1/2
On Demand	423
On Demand	458
On Demand	1293
On Demand	1304
On Demand	1291
On Demand	1304
On Demand	753
On Demand	763
On Demand	844
On Demand	844
On Demand	1043
On Demand	91
On Demand	91
On Demand	90
On Demand	11.35
On Demand	860.40
On Demand	2248

DIARY COINS.
 Chinese 20 cents pieces ... 34.45 discount
 Chinese 10 ... 35.60
 Hongkong 20 ... 34.00
 Hongkong 10 ... 34.10

QUOTATIONS.
 December 29th.
 Malwa New ... \$1.180 per picul.
 Malwa Old ... \$1.190
 Malwa V. Old ... \$1.200
 Persian extra quality ... \$1.220
 Persian extra fine ... \$1.250
 Patna New ... \$1.120
 Patna Old ... \$1.135
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VESSLS EXPECTED

THE FRENCH MAIL.
 of the 6th str. Sydney with the French Mail, 5th inst., and mails from London of the p.m., and Singapore on the 28th inst. at 4 Monday morning expected to arrive here on Shanghai and the 4th prox., and will leave for Hongkong on the same afternoon.
THE P.M. str. CANAL.
 Mail from San Francisco with the American to the usual ports of 1st inst., and her arrival date in Hongkong call at Manila and be delayed until the 4th inst. will consequently be the 11th inst. The T.K.K. str. ...
THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.
 The I.G.M. str. Prince Sigismund, Sydney on Wednesday the 16th inst. has left and may be expected here on or about 6th prox.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL

No. 23th—Suruga, Pelous, Sanuki, Maru, December 2nd—Soudan, Sumatra, Tonkin, 5th—Monmouthshire, Ellen, Dickmers, Nippon, 6th—Bharat, Indram, 12th—Dencolon, Sydney, Kanagawa, Maru, 15th—Andalusia, 16th—Ganges, 18th—Ganges, 19th—Ganges, 20th—Ganges, 21st—Ganges, 22nd—Ganges, 23rd—Ganges, 24th—Ganges, 25th—Ganges, 26th—Ganges, 27th—Ganges, 28th—Ganges, 29th—Ganges, 30th—Ganges, 31st—Ganges, 1st—Ganges, 2nd—Ganges, 3rd—Ganges, 4th—Ganges, 5th—Ganges, 6th—Ganges, 7th—Ganges, 8th—Ganges, 9th—Ganges, 10th—Ganges, 11th—Ganges, 12th—Ganges, 13th—Ganges, 14th—Ganges, 15th—Ganges, 16th—Ganges, 17th—Ganges, 18th—Ganges, 19th—Ganges, 20th—Ganges, 21st—Ganges, 22nd—Ganges, 23rd—Ganges, 24th—Ganges, 25th—Ganges, 26th—Ganges, 27th—Ganges, 28th—Ganges, 29th—Ganges, 30th—Ganges, 31st—Ganges, 1st—Ganges, 2nd—Ganges, 3rd—Ganges, 4th—Ganges, 5th—Ganges, 6th—Ganges, 7th—Ganges, 8th—Ganges, 9th—Ganges, 10th—Ganges, 11th—Ganges, 12th—Ganges, 13th—Ganges, 14th—Ganges, 15th—Ganges, 16th—Ganges, 17th—Ganges, 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